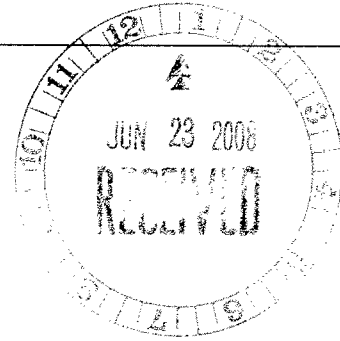


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Dear Secretary Quinlan:

I am writing in support of the proposed acquisition by CN railway of the EJ&E line. I have lived in Buffalo Grove for about 37 years and the rail congestion in this community needs to be addressed. I estimate that 20 trains come through per day, including between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 a.m.

The volume of train traffic is a major inconvenience. I am disabled and have doctor's appointments at the hospital in Highland Park. I need to be able to get to the hospital on time for my appointments, without the constant threat of being stuck at a train crossing. Not only is commuter traffic delayed, but I have seen trucks making business deliveries get stuck as well. Even more critical are the emergency vehicles that must divert several blocks around rail crossings that are blocked.

CN plans to move freight trains running through Buffalo Grove to less congested rail lines farther west of Chicago, improving the quality of life for Buffalo Grove residents.

Please approve this proposed purchase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Martin Sussman', written over a horizontal line.

Martin Sussman

cc: Senator Dick Durbin
Senator Barack Obama
Congressman Mark Steven Kirk